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SUBJ: IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-TRINIDADIAN RELATIONS

1. DURING A FORMAL DINNER GIVEN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE BY GOVERNOR GENERAL SIR ELLIS CLARKE IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR MILLER MAY 21, SIR ELLIS TOASTED THE AMBASSADOR AS HAVING "REVOLUTIONIZED" RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND TRINIDAD DURING HIS TENURE HERE. SIR ELLIS REPEATED THE TERM "REVOLUTIONIZED" SEVERAL TIMES, AND NOTED THAT, WHILE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAD NEVER BEEN REALLY BAD, AND WE CONSIDER OURSELVES MEMBERS OF A "FAMILY", NEVERTHELESS THERE WERE SOMETIMES FALLINGS OUT WITHIN A FAMILY AND THE MILLERS HAD CHANGED ALL THAT.

2. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS WARMLY EFFUSIVE STATEMENT IS THAT IT WAS MADE IN THE PRESENCE OF MOST OF THE OTHER AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS RESIDENT IN PORT OF SPAIN, SOME OF WHICH ARE KNOWN NOT EVEN TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL.

3. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR MILLER WAS RELUCTANT TO REPORT SUCH A PERSONAL ACCOLADE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS SIGNIFICANT AS A REMARKABLY POSITIVE SEMI-PUBLIC STATEMENT BY THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S GOVERNOR GENERAL TO AN AUDIENCE WHO WOULD INDEED TAKE NOTE OF THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH RELATIONS WITH THE USG WERE HELD.

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